



MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Dean Capelouto (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Troy Cullen, Kioni Dudley, Jack Legal, Michael Madix, Robert McCulloch, Mericia Palma Elmore, Evelyn Souza, and Kanani Wond.

Board Members Absent: None.

Guests: Captain Bradlee Okemura and Firefighters Jonathan Chun, Mitchell Pang, and Robert Kekoa, Jr. (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Farrel J. Sojot (Honolulu Police Department), Clarke Bright, Royal Hawaiian Band Bandmaster (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office), Representative Sharon Har, Hauolilani Hiers (Representative Andria Tupola's Office), Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply), Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority on Rail Transportation), Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education), Rodney Boucher (Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23), Chris Wong and Michael McDonald (Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16), Jonabelle Abad, Megan Harvey, Michael Bungcayao, Christal Canoneo, Erin Fujimoto, Steve Vendt, Abby Camantigue, Thad Spreng, Eric Liu, Krystal Pelayo, Frank Genadio, Mike Freitas, Mel Kahele, Jame Schaedel, Kiran Polk, Al Bonilla, Gig Greenwood, videographer (DVDmodo), and Uyen Vong (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CANCELLED MEETING: Chair Souza explained that the August 2015 Board meeting was cancelled due to torrential rain.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter III Jonathan Chun presented the following:

- **Fire Statistics:** There were 1 structure fire, 1 wildland fire, 2 rubbish fires, 129 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 64 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** HFD has the following guidelines for senior citizens, which will enable HFD to assist with the following during a medical emergency: Call 911 first for any emergency, have a list of medications and medical history available, know where one's advanced directives are, ensure there is adequate access for first responders and that the home address is clearly marked and visible.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Ladder Truck:** Resident Mel Kahele asked for an update on funding that was appropriated by the City Council for a new ladder truck. Captain Bradlee Okemura replied that HFD is currently using the truck, but the tower apparatus is in c-service which is a long-term overhaul of the vehicle. Captain Okemura will provide further updates at the next meeting.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Farrel J. Sojot reported the following: **Crime Statistics:** There were 44 motor vehicle thefts, 41 burglaries, 189 thefts, and 73 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles. There were 7,622 total calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Malama Market:** Capelouto reported, on behalf of a resident, on traffic congestion near Malama Market due to the design of the parking lot. Lieutenant Sojot replied that during such traffic congestions, residents should call 911 for an HPD officer to cite any illegal parking, or note any safety concerns.
2. **Speed Traps:** Resident Gig Greenwood reported unreasonable issuing of speeding tickets on Farrington Highway which has a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour, while Makakilo Drive, a residential corridor, has a maximum speed limit of 35 miles an hour. Lieutenant Sojot will follow up. Dudley agreed with resident Greenwood. Chair Souza asked what a speed trap is, and Lieutenant Sojot explained that

the term 'speed trap' is an area where many people received speeding tickets. Madix asked how the locations of the speed traps are decided, and Lieutenant Sojot replied that the location is determined by the complaints in the area. Madix reported speeding on Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School. Lieutenant Sojot will follow up.

3. Speed Limit Signs: Chair Souza requested speed limit signs. Lieutenant Sojot noted the requested.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Rian Adachi reported the following:

- July 2015 Main Breaks: There were two (2) main breaks that occurred in July 2015: Thursday, July 9, 2015 on Kohupono Street and Sunday, July 19, 2015 on Kanehoa Loop.
- August 2015 Main Breaks: There were three (3) main breaks that occurred in August 2015: Saturday, August 8, 2015; Monday, August 10, 2015; and Tuesday, August 11, 2015. All of the main breaks occurred on Palailai Street.
- Halawa Xeriscape Workshops: For information regarding the Halawa Xeriscape workshops, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com. Advance registration is required for attendance.
- Water Emergency Preparedness: Natural disasters, power outages, or other unexpected events can affect the BWS' ability to provide water service to the community. Residents should store at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least five (5) to seven (7) days. More information about water emergency preparedness, including a how-to video demonstrating how best to store drinking water, can be found at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Red Hill Fuel Leak Update: Concerning a previous question on the Red Hill fuel leak, BWS was involved with Resolution 14-1 and 15-84, CD1, FD1 to urge the State, federal government, and the US Navy to take action on the Red Hill fuel leak.
- Desalination: Regarding Chair Souza's previous question, BWS will inform the public about any plans for desalination. There are also community meetings to discuss the Ewa watershed management plan; everyone is invited to participate.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bottled Water: Madix asked if bottled water purchased four (4) years ago is still drinkable. Adachi replied that the water should still be drinkable if it has been hermetically sealed, and has not been opened. Adachi noted that he would not recommend drinking it.
2. Red Hill Fuel Leak: Capelouto asked who is monitoring the aquifers to ensure that the water supply is not contaminated. Capelouto also asked if water quality reports are available. Adachi replied that the US Navy is testing the ground water in the vicinity of the fuel tank, and previous reports show that there is contamination, however the contamination may be unrelated to the leak. Adachi added that the reports should be available to the public through the State Department of Health (DOH). Capelouto commented that there should be an independent entity, besides the US Navy, to test the groundwater. Adachi noted that there is no independent testing at this time.
3. Desalinated Water: Chair Souza asked why communities in west Oahu are the only communities to use desalinated water when it becomes necessary to use desalinated water. Adachi explained that the current demonstration plants are in Kapolei, which means that the surrounding areas are the most feasible areas to receive desalinated water. Chair Souza asked if part of the desalination plan is to service the Campbell Industrial Park area. Chair Souza noted that part of her concern is that residents in west Oahu would have to pay additional money to drink desalinated water. Adachi noted that desalination will not be in effect until 25-35 years later or more, and that the timeline may change based on rate of water consumption and population increase. Adachi will follow up on the question regarding Campbell Industrial Park.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDIZED ITEMS: Chair Souza noted that public testimony will now be accepted for all items on the agenda. There were none.

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fishing on Leeward Coast: Resident Mel Kahele noted that he has been fishing off of Leeward coast for years, and there was a misunderstanding with HPD on what is allowed. Resident Kahele asked for a response from Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office.
- Hurricane Shelters: Superintendent for the Campbell-Kapolei Complex Area Heidi Armstrong reported the following: A brochure is available from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HEMA) regarding hurricanes and hurricane shelters. In the Kapolei area, the schools that will possibly be opened as hurricane shelters are Kapolei Elementary School, Kapolei Middle School, Kapolei High School, Makakilo Elementary School, and Mauka Lani Elementary School.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. American Red Cross: Madix asked and Armstrong replied that the shelters are approved by the American Red Cross.
 2. Number of Rooms: Dudley asked and Armstrong replied that the number of available rooms for the emergency shelter depends on the extent of the emergency. Dudley noted his concerns for the limited number of rooms.
 3. Pet-Friendly Shelters: Capelouto asked and Armstrong replied that none of the five (5) shelters that she listed is designated as pet-friendly. Armstrong noted that Campbell High School and Ilima Intermediate School in the Campbell area are designated as pet-friendly shelters.
 4. Heat Abatement in Schools: Resident Gig Greenwood commented that photovoltaic (PVs) air conditioning systems should be considered for all schools.
- Weeds on Makakilo Drive: Resident Mike Freitas raised a concern regarding weeds on the median strip of Makakilo Drive, and noted that the City should determine a better solution in tackling this issue. Dudley noted that there are only 14 City employees maintaining City properties, and many vacant positions. McCulloch suggested installing groundcovers. Wond expressed concerns about the dangers of the weeds, and asked that the elected officials address this issue.
 - Emergency Shelters and Preparedness: Community member Rodney Boucher introduced himself as a volunteer with the American Red Cross, and noted that he is also a board member of the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23. Boucher commented that more pre-disaster trained volunteers are needed, and that starting next month, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) trainings will be offered. There are also Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP) trainings on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Waianae District Park and Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Ewa Beach Public Library.

BOARD ORGANIZATION:

Vacancy – One (1) At-Large Seat: Neighborhood Assistant Uyen Vong explained that the vacancy was due to a board member who was unable to take the oath of office prior to the 60-day deadline, as required by the Neighborhood Plan. Chair Souza opened the floor for nominations. Legal asked and Chair Souza affirmed that the same person who vacated the seat is allowed to fill the seat again. Dudley noted that Cullen, whose seat is in question, came to last month's cancelled meeting, but no one administered him the oath of office.

Madix nominated and Legal seconded the nomination of Troy Cullen to fill the at-large vacancy. Chair Souza opened the floor for other nominations.

Discussion followed: Cancelled Meeting: Resident Gig Greenwood noted that it is unfair that the seat is vacated due to the cancellation of last month's meeting.

Resident Michael Bunglayao stated that he would like to be on the board, but after learning of the circumstances leading to the vacancy, he will "withdraw" from the nomination list.

Community member and former board member Thad Spreg stated that he would like to be on the board again. Spreg noted that he did not miss any board meetings or abstain from voting when he was a board meeting.

McCulloch nominated Spreg to fill the at-large vacancy.

1. Introduction by Troy Cullen: Resident Troy Cullen introduced himself and noted that his absences from the board meetings are due to being away on official business. Cullen noted that he has always notified the chair when he is unable to attend the meetings. Cullen also noted that he should be reinstated as a board member since he received the second highest votes in the 2015 neighborhood board election.
2. Installation Ceremony: McCulloch commented that Cullen was unable to attend the installation ceremony, and unable to make several meetings. Legal noted that several other board members were unable to attend the installation ceremony. McCulloch brought up concerns about reinstating a board member who is unable to attend the meetings, and unable to represent the community. Cullen noted that his absences has only been during the past year.
3. Passion: Wond asked what Cullen's passions are for being on the board. Cullen replied that his passions are development and traffic, and that he likes to work out of public view.

4. Testimony for Cullen: A resident stated his support for Cullen's nomination, and that Cullen should not be punished for serving his country. Chair Souza explained that it is not the intention of the Board. Wond explained that the vacancy was made by the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). Resident Mike Freitas noted that he voted for Cullen, and that it would be a disservice to the board and community if Cullen is not reinstated.

TROY CULLEN was APPOINTED to the at-large seat by 7-1-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Palma Elmore, Souza, and Wond; NAY: McCulloch; ABSTAIN: None).

Dudley insisted on a roll-call vote for the nomination of Spreg. Neighborhood Assistant Vong explained that Cullen has been appointed to the board; voting for the other candidate is unnecessary.

THAD SPREG was NOT APPOINTED to the at-large seat by 2-6-0 (AYE: Capelouto and McCulloch; NAY: Dudley, Legal, Madix, Palma Elmore, Souza, and Wond; ABSTAIN: None).

Chair Souza called for a recess. At 8:14 p.m., the meeting was called back to order.

Election of Secretary: Chair Souza opened the floor for nominations.

Legal nominated and McCulloch seconded the nomination of Madix. Chair Souza nominated Capelouto.

Discussion followed:

1. Introduction by Capelouto: Capelouto explained his reasons for taking on the position of the secretary, and noted that he will like to be in a supporting role on the Transportation Committee.
2. Transportation Committee: Legal asked and Capelouto replied that he would like to volunteer to be a member or vice chair of the Transportation Committee. Dudley commented that the Transportation Committee chair is an important position, and asked if Capelouto would take the chairmanship if he is not the secretary. Capelouto replied that the decision is at the discretion of Chair Souza.
3. Introduction by Madix: Madix commented that at the last meeting, the Board was unable to elect a secretary, and that he serves at the discretion of Chair Souza.

CAPELOUTO was ELECTED as SECRETARY, 6-2-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Madix, McCulloch, Palma Elmore, and Souza; NAY: Dudley and Legal; ABSTAIN: None). *Wond was not present at the time of the vote.*

Neighborhood Assistant Vong explained that voting for Madix is not necessary since Capelouto has been elected as secretary. Dudley requested that the board continue to vote on the second nomination. There were five (5) votes for Madix. McCulloch expressed confusion on why people are voting for two (2) people for the same position. Chair Souza asked if one of the nominees would like to decline the nomination. Madix declined the nomination.

Election of Treasurer: **Legal nominated and Palma Elmore seconded the nomination of Madix.**

MADIX was ELECTED as TREASURER, 8-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, McCulloch, Palma Elmore, and Souza; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None). *Wond was not present at the time of the vote.*

Establishment of Committees and Appointments of Chairs: Chair Souza appointed the following committee chairs: Wond for the Parks and Recreation Committee, Dudley for Hawaiian Affairs Committee, McCulloch for Transportation Committee, Capelouto for Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen's Advisory Committee, and Wond for Public Health and Safety Committee. Chair Souza asked for a motion to create the following committees: Parks and Recreation, Hawaiian Affairs, Transportation, Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen's Advisory, and Public Health and Safety.

Legal moved and Palma Elmore seconded the creation of the previously mentioned committees. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, McCulloch, Palma Elmore, Souza, and Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Update and Action Regarding Roosevelt Avenue (Kalaeloa) Historical Banyan Trees Status Report(s) and update(s) from Department of Transportation (DOT) Arborist and Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA): Capelouto noted that this issue has been ongoing for the last couple of years, and that he received a

copy of the report from the DOT arborist. Capelouto stated that the next step is to find out if the report “matches the actions of the DOT.” Capelouto noted that he will have more updates at the next meeting.

Discussion followed:

1. Trees to Parks: Legal commented that he attended a seminar where a developer from Taiwan said that she talked to her city’s parks department to transfer trees to a park. Legal noted that the City can adopt a similar approach. Chair Souza commented that the “diseased” trees look healthy now since it has been raining, and that the roads can be curved around the trees to avoid uprooting the trees. Chair Souza noted three (3) trees that were removed could have been saved.
2. Resolution: Madix asked if the removal of the trees could be abated if the board passes a resolution. Chair Souza noted that a resolution would help, however, the resolution would have to go through a committee first. Dudley noted that half of the trees are now gone.

Honsador Lumber Request to Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for Variance Concerning the Use of Existing Septic Tank rather than Sewer Hookups: Chair Souza noted that the variance has already been approved, however the condition is that Honsador Lumber has five (5) years to hook up to a sewer system. Chair Souza’s concern is that until then, everything that is collected into the septic tank can be pumped back into the cesspools. Capelouto stated that he is concerned about the brownfield areas behind Honsador Lumber.

Discussion and Action Concerning Status of Makakilo Drive Extension from July 2015 OMPO Policy Meeting Minutes and September 16, 2015 Meeting of CAC Concerning Work Elements (WEs) for the 2017-2018 Overall Work Program: Community member Frank Genadio reported the following: The latest revision of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) shows DTS completing a \$96 million joint-traffic management center at Alapai, with the final \$235,000 to be spent in 2017. The TIP shows expenditures of \$3 million for the final design work for the extension of Makakilo Drive, and no expenditures for fiscal year (FY) 2017-2018. The TIP also shows \$20 million dedicated for construction in FY 2019 and 2020. At an earlier meeting, Genadio and Michael Golojuch were given a task to place priorities on different projects on Oahu; many people at the meeting placed their priorities for different transportation projects throughout Oahu, while Genadio and Golojuch placed the extension of Makakilo Drive as their top priority.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Extension: Legal asked and Genadio replied that construction funding has been in the TIP since 2010. Genadio added that the extension is considered by the federal government as a congestion mitigation project, but it is not being prioritized. Legal commented that Makakilo Drive is the only major thoroughfare in Makakilo, and traffic issues in other parts of the island can be solved in other ways. Genadio added that the traffic issue is also a safety issue, and that Makakilo’s population is increasing as more homes are built. Chair Souza noted that DTS Director Formby had stated that the extension project is in contention with projects from other areas. Genadio noted that there is not enough money in the TIP, and that the project will not receive funding unless residents ask their elected officials to directly allocate the money for the project. Chair Souza noted that 16,000 cars use Makakilo Driveway.

Discussion of Neighborhood Plan, Section 2-14-116, Pertaining to Recusal and/or Non-Vote Disclosures and Public Perception Involving Personal Gain or Benefit While Holding Office on the Board: Chair Souza recommended board members to inform her if they perceive a conflict of interest. Chair Souza read Section 2-14-116 of the Neighborhood Plan.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2015: The Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 regular meeting minutes of July 22, 2015 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, McCulloch, Palma Elmore, Souza, and Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None). Amendments included:

1. Page 6, under Televised Meetings: “accuses” should be “accusations”.
2. Page 6: Should be “Capelouto moved and Palma Elmore seconded to amend the resolution...”

PRESENTATIONS:

Ho’opili Development: Dudley presented the following:

- Ho’opili Farmlands: Ho’opili is made of 1,525 acres of farmland and is important to the community. Since the decision made by the Land Use Commission (LUC) approving the Ho’opili development, several plants were transported to Wahiawa and the plants have not been growing because they are not suitable

for Wahiawa's climate. Ho'opili makes up 32% of all the farmlands on Oahu and there is no possibility of sustainable living when the farmlands are taken away.

- Population Increase: There are currently 95,000 houses in the area with 58,000 houses already approved to be built. The additional 12,000 houses from the Ho'opili development will add to the traffic congestion. The rail is not a solution to traffic issues since the rail cannot accommodate the increase in population.
- Donations to City Councilmembers: 43% of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's donations, 57% of Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's donations, 59% of Council Chair Ernie Martin's donations, and 75% of Councilmember Kymberly Pine's, Councilmember Ron Menor's donations, and Councilmember's Ikaika Anderson's donations were given by people who will benefit directly from the Ho'opili project or rail project. Councilmember Brandon Elefante received \$26,000 in contributions from the same group of people while Councilmember Carol Fukunaga received \$86,000. Every councilmember was "bought", and therefore, will not vote against the Ho'opili project or rail project.
- Opposition: Princess Abigail Kawanakoa filed a lawsuit against the rail project, and former Governor Ben Cayetano also stated he opposes the project. The Friends of Makakilo, Inc. will hold a rally on Sunday, October 12, 2015, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to get people to protest councilmembers who are accepting contributions from people who will benefit from both the Ho'opili and rail project.
- Motion: Dudley read the following proposed resolution: The Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 reaffirms its opposition to the Ho'opili project. We also register our protest against the City Council's unethical and shameful "yes" votes on Bill 3, approving zoning for the project when every City Councilmember received between 43% and 91% of campaign support from individuals and entities that will profit directly from approval of Ho'opili and rail."
- Validation of Data: Dudley stated that the data used in his presentation was gathered from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Honolulu Ethics Commission: Legal asked if Dudley received an update of the results of Dudley's complaint to the Honolulu Ethics Commission. Dudley replied that the Honolulu Ethics Commission had asked him to reword his complaint, and that it will unlikely be heard until the end of 2015 or beginning of 2016. The LUC will hold a hearing regarding Ho'opili on Friday, October 23, 2015. The Hawaii Supreme Court should also be making its decision regarding Ho'opili soon.
2. Campaign Contributions: Madix commented that the campaign contributions is the reason why the area councilmember is not listening to the concerns from the community.
3. Legality of Contributions: Legal asked and Dudley replied that the contributions are legal.
4. Disclosure: Dudley commented that neighborhood board members have to disclose before the board, however the City Council is not held to the same standard.
5. Donations from Super PAC: Palma Elmore clarified that there is a difference between donations from individuals and donations from super political action committees (Super PAC). Money from Super PACs is not donated directly to the candidate. Palma Elmore also clarified that the councilmembers are receiving donations, not "income" as previously stated by Dudley. Chair Souza noted that whether the donations are from individuals or Super PACs, the money affects the outcome of the election. Legal recommended election reform.
6. Candidate for Office: Legal asked and Dudley replied that when he ran for office, he did not accept donations from unions. Dudley also noted that he had used \$97,000 of his own money. Dudley commented that the Honolulu Ethics Commission is now faced with the issue that City councilmembers do not have to disclose campaign donations.
7. Representation from City Council: Cullen asked if anyone from the City Council is at the meeting to offer their opinions on the matter. McCulloch noted that he had contacted Councilmember Pine's Office but they have not given a response.
8. Opposition by Legal: Legal noted that he would vote against the resolution, and listed Oahu's housing crisis as a reason. Legal stated that Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) will help mitigate the housing crisis.

Madix moved and McCulloch seconded for the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to adopt the resolution as stated by Board member Dudley.

Discussion followed:

1. Conflict of Interest: Capelouto asked what the process is for declaring conflicts of interest at the City Council. Dudley commented that Councilmember Elefante disclosed seven union members who

contributed to his campaign. Additionally, Councilmember Fukunaga made a disclosure on two individuals while Councilmember Ozawa disclosed one individual. Councilmember Pine disclosed four individuals.

2. Affordable Housing: Wond commented that it is not justifiable to build over the capacity and that affordable housing should be built in areas like Hawaii Kai which does not have affordable housing.

The motion to adopt the resolution as stated by Board member Dudley was ADOPTED by VOICE VOTE, 7-2-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Madix, McCulloch, Souza, and Wond; NAY: Legal and Palma Elmore; ABSTAIN: None).

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell: Royal Hawaiian Band Bandmaster Clarke Bright reported no updates.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Roads: McCulloch reported that Kamokila Boulevard and Farrington Highway in central Kapolei are in bad condition. Bright will follow up.
2. Makakilo Drive: Cullen reported that the vegetation on Makakilo Drive is a safety hazard. Cullen asked for the frequency of when the weeds are removed. Bright will follow up.
3. August 2015 Meeting: Dudley thanked Bright for showing up to that meeting that was cancelled in August 2015.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine: No representative was present; copies of Councilmember Pine's newsletter were available.

Governor David Ige: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA): Tesha Malama was not present, and a report was not provided.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART): Pat Lee reported the following:

- Rail Update: The west Oahu Farrington Highway guideway portion, from east Kapolei to Pearl Highlands, is not 72% completed. The Kamehameha Highway portion, from Pearl Highlands to Aloha Stadium, is 40% completed, and the Rail Operations Center in Waipahu is 77% completed, and should be completed in the second quarter of 2016. The balanced cantilever over the H1/H2 merge should be completed by the end of 2015. The crossing over Fort Weaver Road is completed and tracks will be installed. There will be another crossing near the Waiau Power Plant using a balanced cantilever method. The structure is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016. The H2 ramp into the Pearl Highlands station and park and ride lot has been awarded to Royal Contracting, and that work will be starting soon. HART will be awarding future contracts for the Airport Guideway and Stations (Pearl Harbor, Airport, Lagoon, Middle), the Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Pearl Highlands, Pearl Ridge, Aloha Stadium), the City Center Guideway and Stations (Kalihi, Honolulu Community College, Iwilei, Chinatown, Downtown, Civic Center, Kakaako, Ala Moana), and the Dillingham utilities and road widening contracts end of this year through the spring of next year. The first rail cars are expected to arrive early next spring for testing. Over four (4) miles of the guideway have now been completed.
- Shop & Dine on the Line: HART has launched a new program called "Shop & Dine on the Line", which is a partnership between HART and dozens of businesses in Pearl City, Aiea, and Waipahu that features special offers and discounts on shopping, dining and other services along the rail route. The program is designed to assist businesses during rail construction by encouraging the public to patronize them and use the discounts and other promotions these businesses are offering. Visit www.shopanddineontheline.com for more information.
- Traffic Updates: For traffic updates and general information, visit www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299, or email a question to info@honolulutransit.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Budget: Madix asked why Lee did not mention the current costs of the rail project. Lee explained that the \$200 million is a projected future deficit based on anticipated construction bids, and is not an existing deficit. Madix asked and Lee replied that the original budget was \$5.2 billion. Legal asked if there is any discussion regarding the extension of the deadline to 2021. Lee responded that one of the reasons why the project is delayed is because of the lawsuits.

Palma Elmore left at 9:40 p.m.; **eight members were present.**

2. Impact on Businesses: Capelouto asked if anyone is monitoring the number of businesses that are closed as a result of the rail construction. Capelouto would like to know what the City and HART are doing to help mitigate the problem. Lee noted that HART has been monitoring the businesses impacted by the rail, and have been assisting businesses through “Shop & Dine on the Line”, and an outreach program to teach businesses how to market their products and services on social media. Chair Souza asked for a report on the every aspect of the impact of the construction for the next meeting.

Senator Mike Gabbard: Rock Riggs provided a handout and reported the following:

- UH West Oahu: Senator Gabbard with Professor Albie Miles of the Sustainable Community Food Systems, and will be collaborating with him this session on agriculture topics. Senator Gabbard also sends his regards to retiring UH West Oahu Chancellor Rockne Freitas who is retiring at the end of 2015.
- East Kapolei High School: Senator Gabbard has been working with Representatives Sharon Har and Ty Cullen and the Director of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Suzanne Case on the site selection for the future East Kapolei High School. A potential site is the property across the street from Tokai International College and UH West Oahu. In 2013, the Hawaii State Legislature appropriated \$5 million for the planning and design of the school.
- Listening Story Meeting: Senator Gabbard will not be holding a listening story meeting in September 2015.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Representative Sharon Har: Representative Har reported the following:

- Kapolei Parkway: Representative Har thanked DOT for the traffic modifications on Kapolei Parkway.
- Ho’okele Elementary School: Ho’okele Elementary School opened on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Parents dropping off their kids should be advised that BWS is currently doing construction work near the school.
- Hula Mound: A Makakilo constituent informed Representative Har that the Kapolei hula mound located behind the Kapolei Skate Park has been desecrated. Representative Har also noted another resident who reported people selling drugs to children. There has also been reports of attempted rape. The Neighborhood Security Watch was contacted to monitor the areas. Representative Har requested the Board’s help, in particular the Public Health and Safety Committee, in getting volunteers for the Neighborhood Security Watch to keep the community safe.
- E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei: The public is invited to participate in E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei’s cleanup project in several places on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information, call 216-4759 or email eolaponomakapolei@gmail.com.

As there were no objections, Chair Souza took the agenda back to item V. D: Establishment of Committees and Appointment of Chairs.

McCulloch moved and Legal seconded to approve the following members to their respective committees: Capelouto as vice chair of the Transportation Committee, resident Frank Genadio as a member of the OMPO Committee, resident Michael Bungcayao as a member of the Transportation Committee.

The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, McCulloch, Souza, and Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

The meeting was returned to order.

Representative Andria Tupola: Hauolilani Hiers provided a handout and reported the following:

- Self-Help Housing Corporation: Representative Tupola attended the Oahu Self-Help Housing Corporation’s Team Five’s ground breaking ceremony in Ma’ili.
- Heat Abatement in Schools: Representative Tupola contacted several schools in the district in regards to heat abatement in schools. Barbers Point Elementary School does not need more fans, but is now accepting air conditioners. Five (5) fans were delivered yesterday to Ma’ili Elementary School.
- Always Green Traffic Control: Representative Tupola is meeting with DOT and other stakeholders to discuss a concept called “Always Green Traffic Control”, which has been successful in other cities.

- Ho'opili Rally: Representative Tupola will be on vacation the day of the Ho'opili rally that is organized by Dudley. Representative Tupola supports the rally.
- Walk Wise Hawaii: Representative Tupola is coordinating a sign waving event on Thursday, September 24, 2015 with Walk Wise Hawaii to raise awareness on pedestrian safety.

Representative Ty Cullen: A representative was not present. A report was available.

REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Secretary Madix reported that \$34.54 was spent in August 2015; the remaining balance is \$195.87. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Kapolei High School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Submitted By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Evelyn Souza, Chair